

CHAPTER 221.

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AN ACT to amend Section eighty-six of Chapter nineteen of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of Highways and Bridges."

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

When actions for opening, &c. of certain highways to be commenced

SECTION 1. Section 86 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, entitled "Of highways and bridges," is hereby amended by adding after the last word of said section the following: "And no action shall be maintained for opening, working or traveling upon said highway, or for removing any obstructions therefrom, or to vacate said highway, or to recover possession of land occupied by said highway, unless said action shall be commenced within twelve months after this act takes effect; and in all cases the failure to commence an action to vacate said highway within the twelve months aforesaid, shall in all actions in all courts be conclusive evidence of a dedication of the same to the public use."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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AN ACT to authorize the organization of societies for mutual protection against larcenies of live stock.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Articles of association.

SECTION 1. Any number of persons, not less than fifteen, may form an association for their mutual protection against larcenies of horses and other live stock. They shall make, sign and acknowledge before some officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, articles of association in writing, in which shall be stated the name of the association, the names or designation of its officers, and the name of city, town or

towns, or village and county or counties, in and for ^{Name.} which the same is organized, which articles shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county or counties in which such association is formed.

SECTION 2. The officers of such association shall ^{Officers.} be elected annually, and shall consist of a president, secretary, treasurer, riders and such other officers as may be necessary for the management of its affairs, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

SECTION 3. Such association shall, upon the filing ^{Body corporate.} of such articles of association and election of its first officers, become a body corporate and politic, by the name stated in the articles of association, and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, contracting and being contracted with, in relation to all matters pertaining to the objects of the association. They may impose fines upon all officers and members ^{May impose fines} for non-performance of duties imposed by the articles of association, and collect the same by action in the name of the association, and may make such by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not in conflict with the articles of association or the constitution and laws of this state.

SECTION 4. The said corporation shall have the ^{May take notes.} right to take the notes of its members to meet the extraordinary expenses thereof, and may from time to time as required, make assessments upon the members for such portions thereof as may be deemed necessary, and may collect such assessments by action in the name of the corporation.

SECTION 5. The riders chosen by such corporation ^{Riders.} shall have and exercise all the powers of constables in the arrest and detention of criminals who have committed larcenies against the members of such corporation, and also in the detention of the property stolen.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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